

CHICKAHOMINY SWAMP MAY BECOME PROSPEROUS

Viewers File Report Favoring Extensive Scheme of Assessment Drainage.

TOTAL COST PUT AT \$87,913.02

Area About Fifteen Miles Long and a Mile Wide Affected—Report Must Be Approved by Henrico County Court.

The board of viewers of Henrico County, composed of James W. Barnes, representative of his district on the Henrico board of supervisors; J. M. Long, an expert in land assessment; and R. Grimes Dashiell, a lawyer of this city, have filed a report of a survey of the Chickahominy District, in the Henrico Circuit Court, for permission to reclaim 6,244 acres of swamp land, and to improve 20,000 acres of land in the outlying territory. It is estimated that the cost of the work will amount to \$87,913.02.

Their report is based largely upon a survey of that district by J. Lyell Clarke, a civil engineer of this city, who has been working on the survey for a long time, and who investigated the probable benefits to result from the lowering and correction of the channel of the Chickahominy Creek. This improvement will begin about a mile east of Brook Road, and will continue to the McClellan or Grapevine Bridge, approximately two miles north of Highland Springs. The area to be affected is about fifteen miles long and a mile wide.

SEVERAL THOUSAND ACRES MAY BE RECLAIMED

It is figured out in the survey that several thousand acres of land in the Chickahominy affected by the uncontrolled waters of the creek may be improved and the value increased by lowering the channel an average depth of five and a half feet below the surface of the swamp. While there is much work attached to the project, it can be completed in two years, and the viewers are hoping that Judge Scott will pass favorably upon the proposal. Following is the summary estimate of the cost as given in the report:

Chickahominy main ditch, excavation	\$67,531.67
Brook Run ditch, excavation	7,216.24
Bridges, removal and replacement	2,543.00
Clearing right of way	4,209.00
Right of way, branch laterals, etc.	110.00
Acres cut off	409.00
Acres along old channels	71.50
	\$82,927.11
Add 10 per cent for engineering and contingencies	\$8,297.91
	\$91,225.02
Less assessment against 1918 ways and highways	\$3,312.00
Total	\$87,913.02

According to the report, the money will be raised principally through proportionate assessment of property directly benefited by the drainage installation. It is estimated that the average assessment per acre will be about \$11.55.

The movement to near Richmond has attracted much attention and considerable interest in real estate circles, and it will undoubtedly enhance the value of the property. This is the first drainage district to be attempted in this part of Virginia, and those in charge are anxious that this proposal be passed upon favorably.

HEARING GOES OVER

Fleishelmer Continues Trial of Men Accused of Violating Head-Road-Drive Law.

In the case of C. C. Cooper, of Rocky Mount, N. C., M. L. Hessburg and R. L. Hessburg, of Baltimore, of the firm of Hessburg & Son, and James Epps, colored, all charged with transporting whisky in violation of the Head-Road-Drive State Commission or Fleishelmer act, yesterday continued the case until next Wednesday for further evidence. Cooper and the two Hessburgs had their bail of \$1,000 each continued. Epps, who the government agents charge with having transported the whisky for Cooper, was remanded to jail in default of bail.

The arrest and trial of Cooper and the Hessburgs grew out of the arrest of Epps about a week ago, when Federal agents searched an early morning train at Elba Station. Epps, pleaded his innocence, but as the officers were about to place him in the patrol wagon he threw away a note which was recovered by Special Agent Polson, and this note resulted in the arrest of Cooper and the two Hessburgs.

HEAR MRS. CUSHMAN

Chairman of National War Council of Y. W. C. A. Speaks Here Thursday.

The South Atlantic Bell Committee of the Y. W. C. A. will hold its monthly meeting Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the field office Virginia Railway and Power Building. Mrs. James Cushman, of New York, chairman of the National War Council of the Y. W. C. A., will be present and will speak on the association's war program. Mrs. Cushman is a woman of brilliant attainments, and her address will be of great interest to the women of Richmond.

The field committee hopes also to have Mrs. Josephine Daniels give a resume of the fine work she has been doing in the Georgia and Georgia in connection with the campaign for raising funds to carry on the war work of the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Daniels is also a member of the National War Council and she voted the last year to speaking before men and women in the South with splendid results. She has visited Asheville, where she spoke at Grove Park Inn to a fashionable audience; Wilmington, Savannah, Kingston, Charlotte and other cities.

Only 13 More Shopping Days Before Christmas

TAG DAY ON SATURDAY TO HELP SETTLEMENT

Workers in Fulton Need Funds to Continue Their Activities.

Tag day for the Fulton Social Settlement Work and the colored branch of the Salvation Army will be observed on Saturday. Both organizations have been accomplishing good work during the past year and under great difficulties.

The settlement in Fulton has been organized for five years, and during that time it has looked after the welfare of not only children in Fulton, but those from throughout the city. The organization has managed to keep going despite the fact that it has encountered numerous obstacles. The work has been carried on in two small buildings since the settlement was organized, but during the present year one of the structures was destroyed by fire and a quantity of clothing was burned.

Another and larger building was secured following the fire, but it soon had to be vacated, and the settlement was forced to move back into the single small house left after the fire. At the present time the work is being carried on in one house, but it is much too small for the purpose. A number of the activities of the organization have been discontinued until better quarters can be secured.

It is the purpose of those in charge of the settlement work to get into larger and better quarters by January 1, and the money secured on tag day will be used to start out the new year.

AMBUSH VILLA FOLLOWERS

Combined Columns of Federal Cavalry Attack Bandit Band, and 400 Men Are Killed.

GUATEMALA, December 8.—Combined columns of Federal cavalry, in command of General Francisco Murguía and General Pedro Echeverría, ambushed a large band of Villa followers in Santa Clara Canyon, seventy-five miles northwest of Chihuahua City, Tuesday, according to an official statement given out at military headquarters last night. A total of 400 were killed and wounded on both sides. The Villa forces suffered the heaviest losses.

An unconfirmed report was received here that El Indio Villa, brother of Francisco Villa, and a colonel in his command, was killed during the fighting. At military headquarters Colonel Joaquín Gómez Tagle, chief of staff, said no official reports had been received from Chihuahua City referring to the killing of Villa's brother.

The command was believed to have been that headed by Martín López, which attacked a train at El Mocho last week and killed General Eduardo Chavira and practically all of his escort. Francisco Villa was not believed to have been present in person. This caused the report that El Indio was killed to be doubted in official circles here.

Rotarians to Meet

Members of the Rotary Club will hold their next meeting Tuesday night in the Hotel Richmond. The meeting will be held in the hotel and will be a business session. The club officers will be discussed and unfinished reports of visiting committees discussed. A plan for rotary held in a worthy cause. Members are prepared to state whether or not they can attend the annual conference of International Rotary Clubs at Kansas City next June.

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PRESSED BEAVERS—Pressed Beaver Sailors, with velvet facing and trimmed in gros-grain bands; black only; limited number. \$1.98

Efficiency Xmas Gift No. 1 Very New Georgette Crepe Waists \$2.95

WOMEN will be skeptical of this price for a Georgette Waist. Some of you attended our recent sale and went away well pleased. Those who come to-morrow will be even more pleased, for the styles are, if possible, more desirable. A saving of \$1 and \$2 on every waist. A variety of styles in tailored effects and dressy waists, combined with lace.

Efficiency Xmas Gift No. 3 Imported Japanese Crepe Kimonos \$2.98

IN charming color combinations, rose, pink, Copen, pale blue, etc., these dainty Kimonos are hand-embroidered in white and colors, with Jap or straight sleeves and broad sashes. \$2.98.

Third Floor.

Efficiency Xmas Gift No. 5 Boys' or Girls' Chinchilla Coats \$4.75 and \$5.98

STURDY and warm, one of these smartly tailored Chinchilla Coats will bring sunshine to many a youngster's face this year.

Double-breasted, belted back models, buttoning high, full lined and with bone buttons, in gray and navy, are \$4.75.

Thick, furry, all-round belted Chinchillas, in brown, navy and gray, with velvet collars and full lined, are (2 to 6), \$5.98.

Efficiency Xmas Gift No. 7 Smart Winter Coats

For Girls of 12, 14 and 16

IN a superb quality of camel's hair zibeline, this Coat will delight any young girl. The extra broad belt is stitched in three bands, and confines the fullness which falls in two broad box pleats at back; convertible square shoulder point collar, half lined and interlined. Special, \$23.50.

A complete Girls' Coat Shop, with unequalled values in Cheviots, Zibelines, Velours and Buella Cloth Coats, at \$7.98, \$10.00, \$13.50, \$16.50, etc.

Third Floor.

Efficiency Xmas Gift No. 9 Smocked Creepers (6 mos., 1, 2 and 3 years.) \$1.00

UNUSUALLY complete and attractive assortments of Smocked Creepers in a variety of materials, such as madras, gingham, linons and repps. Colors include pink, blue, green, white and tan, fancy stitched and smocked, in contrast or trimmed in contrasting bands. An appreciated practical gift. \$1.00.

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Sale of Women's and Misses' Winter Coats

Just Unpacked 217 Coats

Mid-season models of the latest cut in high-class Wool Velours, Pompon and Chiffon Broadcloth, collars trimmed in seal, skunk and racoon.

Values, \$25 to \$40 IN THREE LOTS. \$15, \$20, \$25

Better Coats Also Reduced

\$15.00 and \$55.00 Coats, now \$37.50
\$85.00 Coats, now \$59.50
\$150.00 Coats, now \$85.00

Coats of exclusive fabrics, such as fine Bolivias and imported velours, fancy lined in novelty effects and with luxurious collars of seal and beaver.

24 Navy Serge Dresses

(Three styles to select from.)

\$20 Values, Special, \$12.50

\$48.50 to \$59.50 Dresses

Stylish Dresses for afternoon and street wear, fashioned in satins, crepe meteor and georgette crepe. Only one of each style.

Special, \$29.50

Sale of Suits at \$25.00

Values Up to \$37.50

Suits in Broadcloth, Serges, Poirer Twill and Velours, trimmed in beaver and seal. These are very new models, showing the jaunty short coat, many with ripple back.

\$25.00 and \$29.50 Suits, \$16.50

Extraordinary reductions in popular suits in serges, velours, poplins and Oxford mixtures. Mostly tailored styles. Special, \$16.50.

Sale of Suits in EXCLUSIVE VELVETEENS

Trimmed in beaver, seal and Australian opossum.

\$250.00 Suits \$125.00 \$85.00 Suits \$50.00

\$125.00 Suits \$75.00 \$59.50 and \$65.00 Suits \$35.00

\$5.00 and \$5.98 Blouses

Crepes de chine and georgette crepes. Numerous styles and suit shades as well as in white and flesh.

Monday, \$3.98

New Suit Blouses

Ultra new styles of georgette crepe in all fashionable tint shades, combined with a vest and collar of contrasting color; embroidered and beaded.

Special, \$5.98

\$5.00 Value Petticoats, \$3.98

Satin taffeta and taffetas, with silk Jersey tops. Well made, with double stitched seams and fitted tops. All colors.

\$5.98 to \$7.50 Petticoats, \$5.00

Guaranteed Satins, Chiffon Taffetas, Pompadour effects, Jerseys and Taffetas with Jersey tops, Regular and outer sizes.

Efficiency Xmas Gift No. 2 Beautifully Beaded Hand Bags Complete Assortments

A BAG of silk plush in black has a beaded frame and is richly lined in purple and white grosgrain silk. With mirror and purse, \$7.98.

Other Bags with bead motifs and allover beaded, in Oriental, Egyptian and Celestial art. The color combinations are extremely artistic, and fashion smiles upon this very new conceit. Prices, \$7.98 to \$25.00.

Main Floor.

Efficiency Xmas Gift No. 4 Ultra New Satin Neckwear

TUXEDO Roll Collars of wash satin, silk lined and gracefully pointed in front. These are extremely popular and entirely new. At the price they will be in heavy Christmas demand. 50c.

Main Floor.

Efficiency Xmas Gift No. 6 DE BEVOISE Satin Brassieres \$1.50 and \$1.98

HOOK Back Camisole Brassieres, in white and flesh satin, high and low back; also of satin, with heavy lace top. Special, \$1.50.

Satin Brassieres, with heavy imitation fillet lace top and bottom and satin center, with lace shoulder straps. Also Corset Cover Brassieres. Special, \$1.98. A sure-to-please gift.

Third Floor.

Efficiency Xmas Gift No. 8 The Genuine Richelieu Knit Union Suits at \$1.00

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Silk and Wool, \$2.45.

Efficiency Xmas Gift No. 10 Sale of Fancy Aprons

25c to 75c

A LARGE assortment of fancy Aprons purchased when prices were much lower than now, all offered at attractive prices; Organdies, Dotted Swiss and Lawn trimmed in ribbons, and laces; square, round and scalloped styles. 25c to 75c.

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